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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 107691 ACTION TOKYO 22 MAY 1974. QUOTE:

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SUBJECT:OHIRA MEETING WITH ACTING SECRETARY

1. FONMIN OHIRA CALLED ON ACTING SECTY AT 4:00 P.M., ON MAY 20. OHIRA BEGAN BY EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR MESSAGE HE RECEIVED FROM SECRETARY ON PREVIOUS DAY. OHIRA SAID HE WAS DEEPLY MOVED BY MESSAGE AND VERY HAPPY TO LEARN OF PROGRESS OF SECRETARY'S MIDDLE EAST EFFORT, FOR WHICH HE HAS EARNED JAPAN'S HEARTFELT APPRECIATION AND RESPECT. ACTING SECRETARY SAID SECRETARY DEEPLY REGRETTED NOT BEING HERE TO MEET WITH OHIRA, BUT THAT HE DID NOT FEEL HE SHOULD ABANDON MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS AT THIS DELICATE JUNCTURE WHEN REAL PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN RENEWED FIGHTING AND POSSIBLE RESUMPTION OF OIL EMBARGOES.

2. ASKED HOW EFFORT TOWARD MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT WOULD PROCEED FOLLOWING SYRIAN DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT, ACTING SECRETARY SAID GENEVA CONFERENCE WOULD RECONVENE AND
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BEGIN CONSIDERING OTHER THORNY ISSUES, MOST DIFFICULT OF WHICH WOULD BE PALESTINE QUESTION AND STATUS OF JERUSALEM. IN TERMS OF MAGNITUDE OF ISSUES, DISENGAGEMENT ON

SYRIAN FRONT IS SMALL STEP, BUT IT IS VERY SIGNIFICANT
BECAUSE IT INVOLVES ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM SOME OF
TERRITORY OCCUPIED IN 1967 WAR. ASKED ABOUT SOVIET

ATTITUDE TOWARD CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, ACTING SECRETARY
SAID THAT SOVIETS HAVE INDICATED CONSIDERABLE UNHAPPINESS
AT BEING EXCLUDED FROM TALKS, FEELING THAT THEY HAVE LOST
IMPORTANT POSITIONS IN MIDDLE EAST. WE HAVE NO DESIRE TO
PUSH SOVIETS OUT OF MIDDLE EAST, HOWEVER, AND SOVIETS WILL
PARTICIPATE IN NEGOTIATIONS WHEN THEY MOVE TO GENEVA.

3. OHIRA NOTED THAT IN TERMS OF SUPPLY-DEMAND AND PRICE
OIL SITUATION APPEARS TO HAVE BECOME MORE STABLE IN RE-
CENT MONTHS AND ASKED FOR ACTING SECRETARY'S ASSESSMENT.
ACTING SECRETARY SAID THAT SUPPLY-DEMAND SITUATION HAS
IMPROVED SUBSTANTIALLY AND THAT WE CAN FORESEE ADEQUACY OF
SUPPLY CAUSING WEAKENING OF PRICE. FOR THAT REASON, WE
THINK IT UNWISE AT THIS TIME FOR CONSUMERS TO ATTEMPT A
PROGRAM FOR EMERGENCY SHARING AND STUDYING ROLE OF
GOVERNMENTS AND MULTILATERAL OIL COMPANIES. WE LOOK TO
HOLD PRODUCER/CONSUMER MEETING AT SOME TIME, BUT TIMING,
NATURE AND AEGIS OF THAT MEETING CANNOT YET BE DETERMINED.
WITH DISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES IN MIDDLE EAST, WE DO NOT
EXPECT FURTHER OIL CUTBACKS OR EMBARGOES. ALL IMPORTANT ARAB
OIL PRODUCERS REALIZE THAT USE OF OIL AS POLITICAL WEAPON
IS DANGEROUS SINCE THEY COULD BE ENGULFED BY SOVIET SYSTEM
IF US, JAPAN AND WESTERN EUROPE TURN AGAINST THEM. ONLY
BREAKDOWN OF NEGOTIATIONS OR RENEWED WAR IN MIDDLE EAST
COULD BRING BACK EMBARGOES. CONSUMERS SHOULD NOT, HOW-
EVER, BE LULLED INTO FALSE SENSE OF SECURITY BY IMPROVING
SITUATION BUT SHOULD USE TIME TO ENHANCE LONG-TERM ENERGY
PROSPECTS THROUGH CONSERVATION, R&D AND OTHER MEANS.

4. OHIRA RAISED QUESTION OF US-SAUDI AGREEMENT, STATING
THAT JAPAN HAD BEEN APPROACHED ALONG SIMILAR LINES BY
SAUDIS AND IS NOW STUDYING THEIR PROPOSAL. ACTING SECTY
SAID THAT WE HAVE HAD CLOSE RELATIONS WITH SAUDI ARABIA FOR
MANY YEARS. WE HAVE COOPERATED IN MANY AREAS AND FEEL

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IT IMPORTANT THAT SAUDIS REALIZE THAT WE WISH TO HELP THEM
DEVELOP THEIR ECONOMY, TO PROVIDE SECURITY AND TO MAKE
SAUDI ARABIA FULL MEMBER OF FREE WORLD. ALTHOUGH HIS
VISIT SCHEDULED FOR THIS WEEK HAS BEEN POSTPONED DUE TO
SECRETARY'S ABSENCE, WE EXPECT PRINCE FAHD TO COME HERE
SOON TO DISCUSS VARIOUS ASPECTS OF AGREEMENT WHICH CALLS
FOR COMMISSIONS TO DISCUSS SAUDI SECURITY AND TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE IN VARIETY OF FIELDS. OUR AIM IS TO HELP
MAINTAIN PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST THROUGH CLOSE RELATIONS WITH
ARABS AS WELL AS ISRAEL.

5. QUERIED AS TO ANY ALTERATIONS IN OUR APPROACH TO EUROPE IN WAKE OF THE MANY GOVERNMENTAL CHANGES THERE, ACTING SECRETARY SAID OUR APPROACH TO EUROPE AND NATO REMAINS UNCHANGED. NATO REMAINS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL TO SECURITY OF FREE WORLD AND PROCESS OF CONCLUDING NATO DECLARATION HAS MOVED FORWARD WITH PRESENTATION OF A VERY GOOD DRAFT DECLARATION BY UK. WHILE WE HAVE HAD DIFFERENCES, PARTICULARLY WITH FRANCE, WE HAVE MADE CLEAR THAT ECONOMIC MILITARY, MONETARY AND POLITICAL RELATIONS ARE INTERTWINED. WE CANNOT BE PARTNERS ON ONE ASPECT IF WE ARE NOT PARTNERS IN THE OTHERS. ALL EXCEPT FRANCE AGREE THAT WE MUST HAVE CONTINUOUS CONSULTATION, BOTH BILATERALLY AND THROUGH MULTINATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

6. OHIRA SAID HE HAD BEEN VERY SURPRISED BY INDIAN NUCLEAR TEST AND ASKED FOR ACTING SECRETARY'S ASSESSMENT. ACTING SECRETARY EMPHASIZED THAT WE DISAPPROVE OF ANY PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR TESTING, SINCE INCREASE IN NUMBER OF NATIONS WITH NUCLEAR CAPABILITY IS DANGEROUSLY DESTABILIZING FACTOR. WE, THEREFORE, HOPE THAT ALL COUNTRIES WILL SUBSCRIBE TO NPT AND THAT JAPAN AS WELL AS OTHER COUNTRIES WILL RATIFY THE TREATY. WE ALSO HOPE THAT INDIAN STATEMENTS THAT TEST IS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES ARE SINCERE.

7. ACTING SECRETARY SAID WE HOPE TO CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH JAPAN ON CHINA ISSUES. WE HAVE FOLLOWED JAPAN-PRC CIVIL AVIATION NEGOTIATIONS CLOSELY AND HOPE JAPAN AND ROC WILL BE ABLE TO WORK OUT THEIR DIFFERENCES ON THIS MATTER. OHIRA SAID JAPAN WOULD WORK TO REOPEN AIR LINKS WITH TAIWAN THROUGH DISCUSSIONS ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL BASIS,

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WHERE POLITICAL FACTORS WILL BE LESS LIKELY TO INTERVENE.

8. ACTING SECRETARY SAID WE HAVE NO PLANS TO REDUCE OUR FORCES IN ROK. OHIRA NOTED THAT US AND JAPAN, ALONG WITH ROK AND OTHER COUNTRIES, HAD CONSULTED CLOSELY PRIOR TO LAST YEAR'S UNGA AND ASKED THAT WE AGAIN CONSULT CLOSELY WITH JAPAN AS THIS YEAR'S UNGA APPROACHES. ACTING SECRETARY AGREED THAT WE WOULD CONSULT FULLY.

9. ON SIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT, OHIRA NOTED THAT DETAILS OF JAPAN'S NEGOTIATIONS WITH SOVIETS HAD BEEN CONVEYED IN MEMORANDUM FROM AMBASSADOR YASUKAWA TO PRESIDENT. HE EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE TO JAPAN OF US PARTICIPATION FOR BOTH ECONOMIC AND DOMESTIC POLITICAL REASONS. ACTING SECRETARY AGREED ON IMPORTANCE OF CLOSE US-JAPAN CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION ON SIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT. WHILE US PARTICIPATION WOULD BE CONSIDERED ACCORDING TO ECONOMIC MERITS ON PROJECT BY PROJECT BASIS, HE NOTED THAT

IMPORTANT POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS ARE ALSO INVOLVED ON US SIDE, INCLUDING PROBLEM OF CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDE TOWARD MFN AND CREDITS TO USSR.

10. ON INDOCHINA, OHIRA SAID THAT JAPANESE ASSISTANCE TO SVN IS PROCEEDING ON SCHEDULE. ALTHOUGH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WERE ESTABLISHED WITH NVN LAST SEPTEMBER, JAPAN HAS NOT YET OPENED EMBASSY IN HANOI AND HAS NOT BEGUN TO DISBURSE \$20 MILLION IN ASSISTANCE (FOR WHICH DIET AUTHORIZATION HAS ALREADY BEEN OBTAINED) DUE TO NORTH VIETNAMESE ATTITUDE. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF PARIS AGREEMENTS HAD NOT PROCEEDED SMOOTHLY IN RECENT MONTHS. ACTING SECTY SAID THAT HIS RECENT VISIT TO SVN HAD CONVINCED HIM THAT SVN IS CAPABLE OF MAINTAINING ITS INDEPENDENCE. WE INTEND TO CONTINUE TO SUPPLY AID FOR THAT PURPOSE. WE WOULD DEPLORE ANY ACT WHICH WOULD ENCOURAGE NVN TO CONTINUE ITS FLAGRANT VIOLATIONS OF CEASE FIRE. WE ARE THEREFORE PLEASED THAT JAPAN HAS NOT GIVEN AID TO NVN OR ESTABLISHED EMBASSY THERE. HE EMPHASIZED THAT WE ARE STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF WHATEVER AID JAPAN CAN GIVE TO SVN.

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